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MAYOR O'REILLY TRAVELS TO CAPITOL HILL TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

Mayor Michael L. O'Reilly, of Herndon, traveled to Capitol Hill with a delegation of the Herndon Dulles Chamber of Commerce to discuss the need for federal immigration reform.

On December 13, Mayor O'Reilly and Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Member Joan DuBois accompanied Chamber representatives to a meeting with Congressmen Tom Davis and Frank Wolf. The Congressmen took questions and discussed information about the proposed bills in the House pertaining to immigration.

During the meeting, O'Reilly stressed the need for immediate action by Congress to address the failure of the federal government to respond to immigration issues affecting communities. "The citizens of Herndon deserve representatives at the federal level who will take action on the difficult issues. It is not an appropriate response for the federal government to ask local governments to shoulder the responsibility of defending our borders and protecting our country," O'Reilly said.

On December 15, O'Reilly traveled with Chamber representatives to meet with Senator George Allen. O'Reilly indicated the position that immediate action is needed and the response should not be to empower local governments to solve the federal issue. O'Reilly also met with Senator John Warner's staff and reiterated the need for federal immigration reform.

It is anticipated that Congress may take action over the next week and that the Senate probably would act sometime in February.

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